

(d) The number of non-governmental organisations involved was 383 as on 31.3.91.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. External Evaluation of the non-formal education programme is currently being undertaken by Institutions having requisite expertise. In addition, Evaluation by Joint Evaluation team comprising one nominee each of the central and respective State Governments and one non-official member is also in progress.

[Translation]

Appointment in Bhopal Coach Repair Factory

3380. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts sanctioned for Bhopal's Coach Repair Factory under Class I, II and III categories and the number of posts out of these filled up by 31st December, 1991;

(b) the number of persons appointed upto 31st December, 1991 as a result of the arrangement made for the reservation of posts in this factory for persons affected by the Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(c) whether the date for appointment of gas affected persons is proposed to be extended further; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Wheat Import

3381. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new item captioned 'Wheat import move faces hurdles' appearing in the Economic Times, dated February 19, 1992;

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the food procurement Delegation which visited U. S. A. recently did not clinch this issue during its talks in that country; and

(d) if so, how it is proposed now to push through the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (c). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). Alternate arrangements for import of wheat are being explored.

Unmanned level Crossings

3382. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned level crossings in the country as on March, 1992, zone-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to man them in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-
LIKARJUN): (a) The number of unmanned

level crossing in the country as on March,
1992 will be computed after 31-03-1992.
However, the position as on 31-03-1991
zone-wise as under:

Central Railway	:	1331
Eastern Railway	:	762
Northern Railway	:	3051
North Eastern Railway	:	2571
Northeast Frontier Railway	:	1487
Southern Railway	:	2520
South Central Railway	:	2101
South Eastern Railway	:	3394
& Western Railway	:	4168

(b) and (c). Railways have no proposal for any large scale manning of level crossings in near future. Manning is normally carried out on such level crossings as are sponsored by the State Govt./local authority concerned, agreeing to bear the expenditure for the same as per rules. However, in case of only such of the level crossings as are considered hazardous on account of restricted visibility or heavy traffic, the Railways carry out the manning at their own cost.

Languages Recognised by Sahitya Academy

3383. SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sahitya Academy has recognised some languages other than those

in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Academy has powers to recognise a language other than those in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(d) if so, the criteria laid down in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN
SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dogri, English, Konkani, Maithili, Manipuri, Nepali and Rajasthani have been recognised.

(c) Yes, Sir.